

McDonough's store and tin-ware depot, corner of Maine and Green streets. We would say, in anticipation of a card, which will soon appear, explanatory of the whole matter, that the large and handsome cook stove, "Princess," from the Ramson Stove Co., Albany, N. Y., should be in the kitchen of every good house-wife. It is so roomy, easy to manage and abounds with so many conveniences. It has six griddle holes, a thirty-six quart reservoir, will burn either coal or wood and is, altogether, considering the size and weight, the cheapest stove in the market. McDonough will soon set up a boom on this favorite of the ladies.

The all-absorbing question for the patriotic citizens of this place to discuss is the coming election and its possible outcome. King caucus was supposed to have received the quietus when the majority of the town committee issued a call for a Republican caucus. But a caucus was held at the Stevens House, Tuesday evening, which, some think, blocked out the work for the Friday evening meeting. If so, what becomes of the cry, "break the ring!" It would be substituting ring No. 2 for ring No. 1. A great many are anxious to be on the city pay roll, who will fail to have their names recorded there. We have good men; then nominate them and the people will abide the result.

D. B. Collins of Ferrisburgh has been obliged to cut down on his farm adjoining Little Otter creek several of the largest and finest elms in Addison county. A close examination revealed the fact that they had been killed by worms. The dimensions of the three logs brought to H. P. Fisher's steam mill were, three feet four inches, two feet six inches and two feet seven inches, in diameter. There is a hemlock log from same farm, just delivered at the mill, which is thirty-three inches on the stump end. Mr. Collins' farm is rather noted for big trees. About a year ago he cut a pine tree, that furnished a thirteen foot log and seventeen thousand sixteen-inch shingles. Perhaps this reads like a pretty big story, but he said it was a pretty big tree.

State News.

A medical society has been formed by the doctors of Rutland.

Ex-Governor J. Gregory Smith and family spent last Sunday in the City of Mexico.

Noah B. Safford of White River Junction, a lawyer of some prominence, died suddenly last week of heart disease.

G. R. Guernsey, nominated for postmaster at Windsor, is a son of Rev. G. S. Guernsey, the Universalist clergyman.

The Philharmonic Society of Burlington proposes to hold its next annual music festival in that city the last week in May.

Joseph Merchant of Windsor, while handling a revolver, shot his four-year-old daughter in the head. She died in a few hours.

A delegation of Rutland firemen went to Montreal Saturday to attend the funeral of Fred Haines, a well-known fireman of that city.

Charles A. Barnard of Richmond was thrown from his sleigh the other day by his horse taking fright from the cars and seriously injured.

The Senate has confirmed these postmasters: H. L. Kenyon, Northfield; W. D. McMaster, Woodstock, and G. W. Morse, Waterbury.

Levant M. Read of Bellows Falls has been appointed secretary of the grand lodge of Masons in place of W. H. Root of Burlington, deceased.

Maranda E., wife of Dr. Hiram A. Cutting, secretary of the State board of agriculture and curator of the State cabinet, died at her home in Lunenburg, March 3, of capillary bronchitis.

Colonel John B. Mead, New England commissioner for the North, Central and South American exposition, now in progress at New Orleans, has returned to Vermont for a brief sojourn.

Benningtonians are desirous that the corner-stone of the battle monument be laid next August, so that the annual muster of the National Guard may be held at Bennington at that time.

Sugar making has already begun in some parts of the State. The yield promises to be fully an average one, and it is predicted that at least 10,000,000 pounds will be made by Vermont farmers.

Miles A. Wyman of Chester, just discharged from State's prison at Windsor after serving a term for an assault upon a small girl, has been arrested for a similar crime upon another girl of about eight years.

Woodstock tax-payers are terribly stirred up and will hold a special town meeting the 30th to see if the town will rescind the vote passed at the last annual meeting, ordering the highway tax to be paid in labor.

Colonel T. C. Fletcher of St. Johnsbury, a delegate to the last Republican national convention, who has been one of the most successful dry goods merchants in eastern Vermont, goes West on a prospecting tour April 1.

Alma Reed of Hydepark was crossing a railroad trestle at Morrisville the other day, when she saw a train coming and jumped to the ground, 20 feet below, dislocating both ankles and suffering other injuries about the body.

The Burlington Ice Yacht club, lately formed, has chosen these officers: Commodore, A. C. Whiting; vice-commodore, T. A. Taft; secretary and treasurer, F.

H. Barnes; regatta committee, W. F. Hendee, T. P. W. Rogers, W. H. Lane, Jr.

A delegation of some 30 people left the vicinity of St. Albans the other day to join the Vermont colony of Loyalton, Dak. Letters from that place tell of increasing prosperity. One birth is thus far recorded in town, a girl, who will bear the name of Loyalite.

Brattleboro doesn't seem to like the Salvation army, as the detachment there were attacked the other evening, while on their way to their encampment after their regular street parade, by a crowd of young men and boys, who threw a volley of eggs, ice and snow at them.

William H. Root of Burlington died Thursday night, the 11th inst. He had held the position of city clerk for 15 consecutive years. Being a prominent Mason, he held the office of secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. He was 53 years of age, and leaves a son and daughter.

Alphonso Knowlton of Bridgewater met with a bad accident the other day. He was drawing a load of logs, when his sled slowed against the bank and stopped, throwing him behind a young horse which kicked, striking him with such force as to break both bones of his right leg below the knee.

Frank Carpenter, who was a lieutenant in the Eighth Vermont regiment, has copies of the *Richmond Inquirer* of 1864. He was then a prisoner in Libby prison, and was a subscriber to the *Inquirer*, paying \$20 for a three months subscription. He paid \$6 for the insertion of a personal, which was copied in New York and led to his release.

The committee on the history of Odd Fellowship in Vermont held a meeting at Rutland recently and the details of its publication were agreed upon. It is expected that the first volume, covering the time from 1845 to 1870, will be completed during the year and be ready for the Grand Lodge session of 1887. H. L. Stillson is to be the author.

The St. Johnsbury telephone war promises to end in a new scheme, according to the *Caledonian*. The same manager will control the business, the company will put in the instruments and then sell 500 calls at six cents each. If this number of calls is not sufficient for a year, additional calls will be sold at a considerable discount from the regular price.

The insolvent estate of Lawrence Brainard, the absent president of the St. Albans Trust company, was wound up last week, the second and last dividend amounting to about two cents and five mills on the dollar. The claim of the Trust company against the Brainard estate amounted to little more than \$250,000, and their share of the last dividend amounted to \$6339, making nearly \$22,000 in all that the Trust company gets from that source.

Judge H. H. Wheeler has just given a decision in the case of Receiver C. W. Witters of the First National bank of St. Albans against Albert Sowles and other directors. The receiver brought a bill of revivor against George B. Foster, administrator of George W. Foster's estate, and the judge dismisses the bill on the ground that the cause of action does not appear to survive by the laws of Vermont. The effect of this decision is to release the estate of George W. Foster from all liability for his acts as a director in the bank.

S. H. Wood of St. Albans, assistant adjutant general of the department of Vermont, G. A. R., has sent out a circular to post commanders urging them to see that both the adjutant's and quarter-master's reports are made out and mailed on the first day of April, July, October and January, to the assistant adjutant general. The circular also states that the per capita tax for 1886 is eight cents per quarter for each member in good standing, money orders and drafts to be payable to F. E. Greenleaf, A. Q. M. general, Burlington, to whom all orders for supplies should be addressed. The assistant adjutant-general wishes to bring to the notice of newly-elected post officers the fact that the standing of this department at national headquarters is governed largely by the promptness in which quarterly reports are forwarded.

General News.

DOMESTIC.

The estate of the late Gen. Hancock is valued at \$2000.

It is thought the Blair educational bill, which recently passed the Senate, will be killed by the House committee on education.

Congressman Michael Hahn, the only Republican from Louisiana, died Monday morning. This was his first session in Congress.

Dr. Austin Flint, Sr., one of the best known physicians in New York, is dead. He was the author of a number of valuable medical books.

The body of John McCullough, the tragedian, and that of his son will be buried in a beautiful lot in Mount Moriah cemetery, Philadelphia, donated by the trustees of the cemetery.

Dr. Mary Walker visited Newport the other day and was arrested by an ignorant policeman, who thought she was a disgrace to her sex. The chief of police at once discharged her from custody.

Frederick Douglass says that his resignation as recorder of deeds in Washington was forced upon him by the President, and so, it is said, was that of ex-Senator Ramsay of the Utah commission.

It has been decided that the government owes \$100 to every honorable discharged soldier who enlisted for three years prior to June 22, 1861, and who actually was mustered for three years before August 6, 1861.

As a result of the strike on the Missouri Pacific the gas-works at Waco, Tex., ran out of naphtha and purchased a quantity of gasoline. Sunday evening, on opening the tank, an explosion followed, tearing the roof off the building and badly burning two men.

Arthur G. Ogilby, city treasurer of New Brunswick, N. J., and treasurer of the Dime Savings bank of that city, is suffering from an attack of acute mania at his home, and the bank is suffering from a deficit of about \$40,000. It is believed Ogilby had been speculating.

The funeral of Senator Miller of California took place with all official and respectful solemnity in the Senate chamber on Saturday. The train conveying the remains and the Congressional committee started for the West in the evening. No legislative business was done in either house on Saturday.

Charles L. Webster & Co. of New York, the publishers of Gen. Grant's Memoirs, have arranged to publish the life of Pope Leo XIII., written by himself. An immense circulation is expected for the book, as every Roman Catholic will want to possess a copy. The work will be translated into every language.

Senator Logan has submitted the minority report of the Senate military committee on the Fitz John Porter bill. It is the same report presented by the minority in the last Congress, with the addition of Gen. Logan's letter in reply to Gen. Grant's article in the *North American Review*, justifying the conduct of Fitz John Porter.

A postoffice clerk in a Nebraska office confesses to the postmaster general that about 20 years ago he stole \$40 from one letter and \$100 from another, and now makes restitution, hoping the money may reach its lawful owner. The \$40 has been sent to the one from whom it was stolen, but the owner for the remainder has not yet been found.

Considerable excitement has been caused at Chambersburg, Pa., by the announcement that gold has been discovered on the farm of George Long, near Greencastle. The yellow substance has been analyzed by practical assayers, who pronounce it gold, but it has not yet been ascertained whether paying quantities of the valuable metal can be found.

While Frank Murgatroyd of Philadelphia was in bed on a recent morning he was seized with a violent spell of sneezing. The family was aroused and everything was done for the man's relief that could be thought of. The sneezing was kept up with unabated vigor, however, and before medical aid could reach him Murgatroyd was a corpse. It is supposed that he ruptured a blood vessel.

The Dempsey-LaBlanche prize-fight came off early Sunday morning at Larchmont, near New Rochelle, N. Y. Dempsey of New York won in the 13th round. LaBlanche of Boston, known as the Marine, failing to respond to the call of time. There were only 20 spectators of the bloody contest, including three reporters, and the *New York Telegram* published an extra edition Sunday giving the full details.

At College Hill, Madison county, Ky., a negro boy named Jeff Grider bought half a dollar's worth of "Rough on Rats" and put it in some sassafras tea, which was drunk by Mrs. Deatroy, her nine-year-old daughter, and the cook, named Jennie Henderson. Mrs. Deatroy is in a delicate condition, and the poison will probably prove fatal, and neither the little girl nor the cook can possibly recover. The boy, who is only 14 years old, is under arrest.

Mrs. Mary Wilman, accused of poisoning her husband at South Valley, N. Y., on the 18th of September last by placing arsenic in a pie which she gave him for dinner, was convicted Friday of murder in the first degree. The closing scenes in the trial were very sensational. Mrs. Wilman bore the verdict without flinching, but went into hysterics on being removed to the jail. When asked by the judge what she had to say, she replied: "As God is my judge I am innocent of the crime." She was sentenced to be hanged April 30. The defence was that Wilman himself administered the arsenic with suicidal intent.

The people of Madison, Ct., are displeased with their postmaster, and as his salary, belonging to the fourth class, is regulated by the number of stamps he cancels, they are determined to starve him out. All the merchants in the town are Republicans, and they have posted notices in their stores requesting the people to purchase stamps of them and leave their letters with them to be mailed. Every time the train passes through the town, clerks are sent down to the station with packages of letters to mail in the postal car, and turn up their offensively partisan noses at the new postmaster, who comes down with an empty bag. There is a law which requires the mail agents on the train to receive all letters on which the postage is prepaid, and there is no law to prohibit the merchants from selling postage stamps.

The splendid steamer Oregon of the Cunard line, while approaching New York Sunday morning, was struck by an unknown schooner, and so injured that she sunk in a few hours. On board the ship were 186 first cabin, 66 second cabin, and 389 steerage passengers, and 255 officers and crew, in all 896 souls.

They were all gotten off in safety. Nothing is known of the fate of the schooner that ran into her. The sunken steamer was valued at \$1,250,000, and her cargo at \$250,000. The entire loss will amount \$1,500,000. With the exception of the Etruria of the same line, she retained a record for the fastest speed. In August, 1884, she made the run from Queenstown to New York in six days, nine hours and 42 minutes, this being nearly 24 hours shorter than her first trip and the fastest then on record. The Oregon was 520 feet in length, 54 feet in breadth of beam and 40 3-4 feet in depth of hold.

A Baton Rouge (La.) dispatch of Friday gives details of a curious execution, as follows: The governor this morning received a telegram from Sheriff Butler of Orleans parish, saying that Ford and Murphy attempted suicide this morning by swallowing poison. They are in a stupor and in a comatose condition. The doctors believe the attempt a failure, but cannot say how long it may take to restore them to consciousness. Should they not revive before the hour fixed, shall I execute the warrant notwithstanding? The governor replied: "Yes; go on with the execution. Carry out the warrant." The preparations for the execution begun at 12:03 o'clock, when the yard and corridors were cleared of prisoners. Both men were lying in their cots. Murphy was in the same semi-conscious state, and, although his eyes wandered in all directions, he could not understand what was going on. Only once did he return to his senses, and then he held out his hand to Ford and endeavored to shake hands with him. This was only for an instant, for he once more lost consciousness. The poison, after careful examination, was pronounced to be powdered belladonna. At 12:15 the arms and legs of the two men were pinioned, while they were still in their recumbent positions. Six witnesses were sworn in by Sheriff Butler, and the death warrant was read to the senseless men. They were carried to the scaffold at 12:45, where they were placed in a sitting position with their backs to the wall. The executioner quickly adjusted the ropes and black caps and returned to his cell. At 12:50 the drop fell. The bodies of the two men were allowed to hang 25 minutes, and were cut down at 1:15 p. m.

FOREIGN.

Contributions for the proposed Pasteur institute at Paris have reached 250,000 francs.

Mrs. Bancroft, wife of George Bancroft, the historian, died at her home in Washington Monday night.

The President on Tuesday nominated W. L. Trenholm of South Carolina to be comptroller of the currency.

A violent shock of earthquake disturbed Weisbaden, the celebrated German watering place, at midnight Sunday.

An immense socialist meeting was held at Glasgow Sunday, at which Burns, one of the socialist leaders, made a harangue. An ample force of police preserved order.

Immense snow-falls are reported in Silesia. Several villages were completely buried, and the inhabitants were obliged to dig their way out. Five children were frozen to death while going to school.

Mr. Gladstone submitted to his colleagues on Saturday his measures for Ireland. The diversity of opinion developed will, it is thought, surely lead to a dissolution.

The President has completed the civil service commission by the nomination of John H. Oberly of Illinois and Chas. Lyman of Connecticut. The other member is Mr. Edgerton of Indiana.

A Washington correspondent writes: The Chinese minister has informed the State department that if any supplemental anti-Chinese legislation is had after the recent outrages on Chinese in Oregon and Wyoming, the Chinese legation in this city may be left vacant.

Riots have occurred in Andorra in consequence of a feud existing between the French provost and the bishop of Urgel. The partisans of the bishop attempted to rescue a prisoner whom the provost was about to hand over to the French authorities. In the encounter which ensued the friends of the bishop were repulsed. During the conflict a woman was killed. Andorra is a small independent State situated between France and Spain. It is nominally subject to the suzerainty of France and of the bishop of Urgel.

A CARD.

Wishing to express our gratitude and appreciation to our relatives and friends who so kindly assisted us in our affliction of sickness and death of our little daughter, we take this as the most feasible and efficient method, and kindly thank you, especially those who decorated her resting-place with flowers and evergreens; also Daisy Manney for flowers.

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